

# Excellence in Education Awards

## NOMINATION FORM

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### About:

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (MCA) was established by Executive Order in January 2012 with a mission to develop culturally diverse outreach programs for Utah's multicultural communities. One of the ways MCA seeks to accomplish this mission is to engage in community partnerships with various organizations across Utah and encourages youth engagement through the Multicultural Youth Leadership Day at the Capitol each year.

As an integral part of the Multicultural Youth Leadership Day at the Capitol, MCA seeks to recognize extraordinary students and educators who help to advance civic learning and engagement with Utah's multicultural communities. This award is presented to up to three students and three educators from Utah high schools (10th, 11th, 12th grade) as deemed appropriate by the office.

### Criteria:

1. The nominee has been personally involved in making tangible, visible and meaningful contributions to the advancement of civic engagement among diverse communities.
2. A descriptive summary about the nominee's qualifications as related to the applicable selection criteria.
3. The nominee must not have previously received the award.

Examples of the type of honorees MCA seeks to recognize include but are not limited to the following:

- **Advancing Civics Learning and Engagement.** Who proactively seizes opportunities to promote civics and service learning with diverse communities? We encourage the nomination of individuals who continuously seek opportunities to initiate partnerships with individuals, organizations and multicultural communities to elevate and expand civic engagement.
- **Embracing Social and Intercultural Awareness.** Who shows an understanding and sensitivity to the civic issues impacting people from various cultural communities? MCA seeks the nomination of people who actively help others better understand and appreciate Utah's multicultural communities and the civic issues that directly impact them.
- **Facilitating Change.** Who encourages others to seek opportunities for different and innovative approaches to civic learning and democratic engagement? We ask for the nomination of individuals who support and use good ideas to solve problems and address civic issues relevant to diverse communities in Utah.

### Evaluative Criteria:

The Office of Multicultural Affairs' aim is to celebrate the nominees who initiate new ideas and involve people, organizations, and diverse communities to be engaged in Utah's civic and democratic life.

- The promotion of an inclusive climate for Utah's multicultural communities.
- The collaboration with others that advance a local or regional vision and narrative for civic engagement.
- The support for civic success outcomes for diverse students, schools, and diverse communities.

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### Required Nomination Materials:

- A completed nomination form with appropriate signatures and contact information.
  - A descriptive summary written by the nominator about the nominee's qualifications as related to the applicable selection criteria (Please note: three pages maximum, submitted in letter format).
  - The award nomination form and descriptive summary are due **February 13, 2017**.
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### Nominee Information (Required):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (for educator): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School district: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (for student): \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ Student ☐ Educator

### Nominator Information (Required):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The enclosed nomination package includes the following:

- ☐ A completed nomination form with contact information.
  - ☐ A descriptive summary written by the nominator about the nominee's qualifications as related to the applicable selection criteria. (Please note: three pages maximum, submitted in letter format.)
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